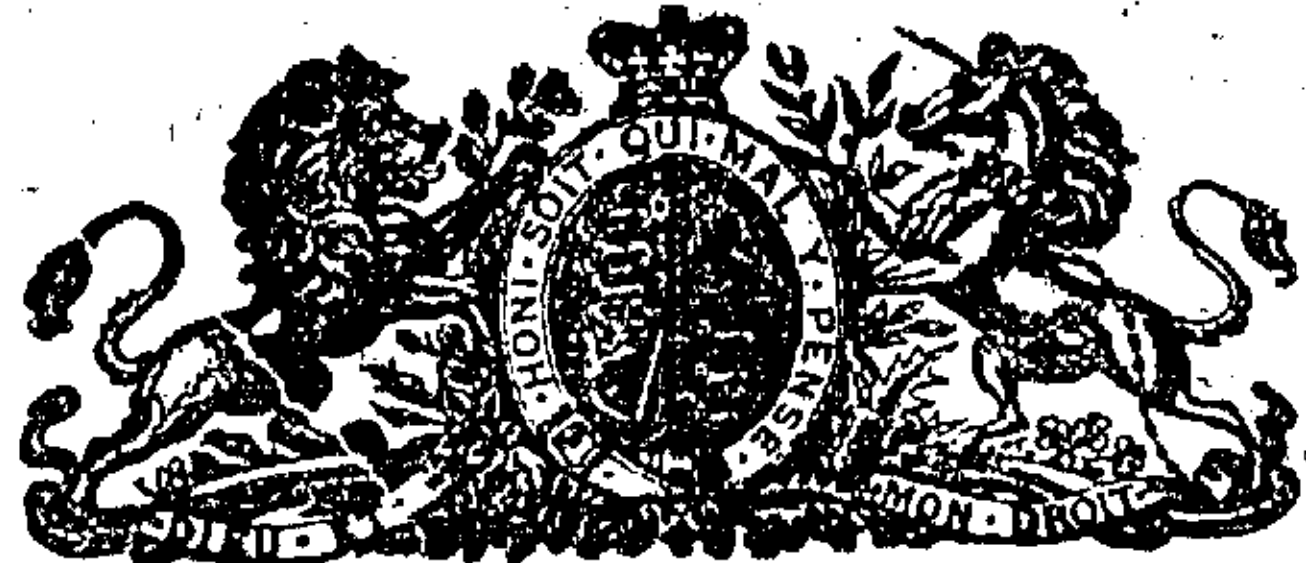


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## Banks.

### HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, 5,000,000 Dollars. RESERVE FUND, 1,400,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.  
Chairman—W. H. FORBES, Esq.  
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HONGKONG.  
INTEREST ALLOWED.  
ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.  
For Fixed Deposits:—  
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.  
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "  
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.  
Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.  
Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.  
Offices of the Corporation,  
No. 1, Queen's Road East.  
Hongkong, August 16, 1879.

### COMPTOIR D'ESCOMPTE DE PARIS.

(Incorporated 7th & 18th March, 1848.)

RECOGNISED by the INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF 30th APRIL, 1862.

CAPITAL FULLY PAID-UP, £3,200,000. RESERVE FUND, £800,000.

HEAD OFFICE—14, Rue Berger, PARIS.

AGENCIES and BRANCHES at:  
LONDON, ROUBON, SAN FRANCISCO, MARSILLIES, BOMBAY, HONGKONG, LYONS, CALCUTTA, HANKOW, NANTZ, SHANGHAI, FOOCHOW.

LONDON BANKERS:  
THE BANK OF ENGLAND.  
THE UNION BANK OF LONDON.

The Hongkong Agency receives Fixed Deposits on Terms to be ascertained on application, grants Drafts and Credits on all parts of the World, and transacts every description of Banking Exchange Business.  
E. G. VOUILLEMONT,  
Manager, Shanghai.  
Hongkong, May 20, 1879.

### ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

PAID-UP CAPITAL, £1,500,000.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.  
At 3 months' notice 3 1/2 per Annum.  
" 6 " " 4 " "  
" 12 " " 5 " "  
Current Accounts kept on Terms which may be learnt on application.  
GEO. O. SCOTT,  
Acting Manager.  
Oriental Bank Corporation,  
Hongkong, September 4, 1879.

## Bank.

### CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

CAPITAL, £280,000. RESERVE FUND, £150,000.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.  
THE CITY BANK.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

THE BANK'S BRANCH in HONGKONG grants Drafts on London and the Chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange, and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

ON CURRENT ACCOUNTS, 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.  
ON FIXED DEPOSITS:  
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.  
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "  
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

### CHARTERED MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LONDON & CHINA.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

THE following Rates of Interest are allowed on Fixed Deposits:—

For 12 months, 5 per cent. per annum.  
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "  
" 3 " 3 per cent. " "

H. H. NELSON,  
Manager.  
Hongkong, May 31, 1879.

### NATIONAL BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

Registered in London under the Companies' Act of 1862, on 23rd March, 1866.

Established in Calcutta 29th September, 1863.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL, £333,000. PAID-UP CAPITAL, £465,250. RESERVE FUND, £200,000.

HEAD OFFICE:—39A, Threadneedle Street, LONDON, E.C.

LONDON BANKERS:—NATIONAL PROVINCIAL BANK OF ENGLAND. NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

All descriptions of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON CURRENT ACCOUNTS at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balances; and on Fixed Deposits according to arrangement—the maximum rate being 5 per cent. per annum.

R. H. SANDEMAN,  
Manager.  
Hongkong, November 1, 1879.

## Notices of Firms.

### NOTICE.

THE INTEREST AND RESPONSIBILITY OF Mr O. GRABE in our Firm CEASED, by Expiration of Contract, on the 31st of December, 1879.

Mr O. GRABE will continue to Sign our Firm until 31st May of 1880.

Mr GUSTAV FISCHER has been Admitted a PARTNER in our Firm from this Date.

E. MEYER & Co.  
Tientsin, 1st of January, 1880. fe2

### NOTICE.

THE Business CONDUCTED by me in Bombay, both independently of, and connection with, the Firms of Messrs E. D. SASSOON & Co. of CHINA, will from this Date, be Carried on under the Style or Firm of E. D. SASSOON & Co.

E. D. SASSOON.

WITH Reference to the above, We have this Day Admitted Mr JACOB ELIAS SASSOON and Mr SASSOON JACOB DAVID as PARTNERS in our Firms in BOMBAY and CHINA.

E. D. SASSOON & Co.  
Bombay, 1st January, 1880. fe26

### NOTICE.

THE INTEREST AND RESPONSIBILITY OF Mr LEONHARD STAEL in our Firm CEASED on the 31st December last.

Mr F. O. LITTMER is authorized to Sign our Firm per Procuration.

HESSE & Co.  
Hongkong, January 1, 1880.

### NOTICE.

THE Undersigned have been appointed AGENTS to the NEW YORK BOARD OF UNDERWRITERS.

ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.  
RECORD OF AMERICAN AND FOREIGN SHIPPING.  
Agents,  
ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.  
Hongkong, Sept. 3, 1879. See30

## Entertainment.

### THEATRE ROYAL.

CITY HALL.  
HONGKONG CHORAL SOCIETY.

TO-MORROW EVENING,  
JANUARY 29th, 1880.

OVERTURE... Le Magon (Auber)... Orchestra.

To be followed by ARTHUR SULLIVAN'S COMIC OPERA IN 2 ACTS, entitled

"THE SORCERER."

Dramatis Personae.

Sir Marmaduke Pointdextre (an elderly Baronet)... Mr AUSTIN.

Alexis (of the Grenadier Guards, his son)... Mr RACKSTRAW.

Dr. Daly (Vicar of Ploverfield)... Mr ROWLEY.

Notary... Mr FOWLER.

John Wellington Wells (of J. W. Wells & Co., Family Solicitors)... Mr E. EWING.

Lady Sangzore (a lady of ancient lineage)... Mad. CHERVAU.

Alline (her daughter)— betrothed to Alexis... Miss KERR.

Mrs Partlet (a pious person)... Mrs FRANK.

Constance (her daughter)... Mrs ENSTON.

CHORUS OF VILLAGE MAIDENS, BRIDES-MAIDS, PEASANTS, SERVANTS, POLICEMEN, &c., by MEMBERS of the HONGKONG CHORAL SOCIETY.

ACT I.—GROUND OF SIR MARMADUKE'S MANSION.

Half-an-hour is supposed to elapse between Acts I. and II.

ACT II.—MARKET-PLACE OF PLOVERFIELD.

CONDUCTOR... Mr PANIZZA.

PIANO, HARMONIUM, VIOLIN 1<sup>st</sup>, VIOLIN 2<sup>nd</sup>, FLUTE, DRUMS.

Tickets may be purchased and places secured at Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.'s, on and after SATURDAY, the 17th Instant.

Tickets, admission only... \$2. Do, admission and Book of Words (on entering Theatre) \$2.50.

Books containing Words of the Songs and concerted Music may also be had of Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., on the day of the Performance, 29th Inst.—Price, 50 Cents each.

For the Committee, R. LYALL.  
Hongkong, January 28, 1880. ja30

### FOR SALE.

THE FURNISHINGS, FIXTURES, STOCK-IN-TRADE and GOOD-WILL of the well-known and prosperous Business at present Carried on by Mr ANDREW WOLBERTS at

THE BRITISH HOTEL.

Full Particulars will be given on Application.

Hongkong, January 23, 1880.

### FOR SALE.

JULES MUMM & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE, in Quarts and Pints.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.  
Hongkong, May 26, 1879.

### FOR SALE.

THEOPHILE ROEDERER & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE, awarded the GOLD MEDAL at the PARIS EXHIBITION.

DRY VERZENAY MOUSSEUX:—Quarts... \$17 per Case of 1 doz. Pints... \$18 " of 2 doz.

MEYER & Co., Agents.  
Hongkong, August 21, 1879. 21fe80

### NOTICE.

CONSIGNMENT of Cargo per S. S. Gange, from London, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless intimation is received from the Consignees, before 10 P.M., the 22nd Instant, at Noon, requesting it to be landed here. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

Goods remaining unclaimed after THURSDAY, the 29th Instant, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges. No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,  
Agent.  
Hongkong, January 22, 1880. ja29

## Intimations.

### ORIENTAL HOTEL.

TWO NEW BUILDING ALLEYS HAVE BEEN LAID.

ACCOMMODATION FOR BOARDERS AND FAMILIES.

WINE AND SPIRITS OF THE BEST QUALITY.

J. F. SHUSTER, Proprietor.  
Hongkong, January 23, 1880.

### HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Twentieth-Ordinary Half-Yearly MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the OFFICE of the Company, No. 50A, QUEEN'S ROAD, on FRIDAY, the 30th January instant, at 8 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of Receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend and electing Auditors.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
P. A. DA COSTA,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, January 7, 1880. ja30

### HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 17th to the 30th Instant, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
P. A. DA COSTA,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, January 7, 1880. ja30

### NOTICE.

THE Undersigned requests that All CLAIMS against the late FIRM of COHEN & BEATON be sent to him on or before January 28th inst.

CHARLES C. COHEN.  
Hongkong, January 9, 1880. ja30

### NOTICE.

Re MARTIN LUTHER BEVIS, Deceased.

ALL Persons INDEBTED to the Estate of the late MARTIN LUTHER BEVIS are hereby Requested to make immediate Payment to the Undersigned, and all Persons having CLAIMS against the said Estate to present the same on or before the 31st JANUARY, 1880.

JAMES SCOTT,  
H. M. Acting Consul.  
Klungchow, January 15, 1880. ja31

### DENTAL NOTICE.

DR. ROGERS has returned and is now ready to RECEIVE PATIENTS.

No. 7, ARBUTHNOT ROAD.  
Hongkong, December 8, 1879.

### NOTICE.

DR. EASTLAKE has Returned from MANILA, and will receive PATIENTS at his OFFICE, No. 50, QUEEN'S ROAD.

Hongkong, January 1, 1880. fe2

### NOTICE.

OFFICE OF THE SHANGHAI STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, IN LIQUIDATION.

Shanghai, January 3, 1880.

AN ELEVENTH RETURN of CAPITAL at the Rate of TWO TALLS per SHARE, will be made to Shareholders of Record on 12th January, Payable at the Office of the Liquidators, on MONDAY, 19th January.

Warrants will then be delivered by the Undersigned to Shareholders, or their lawful representatives, on presentation of Share Certificates for Endorsement.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 12th to the 19th January, inclusive.

By Order,  
RUSSELL & Co.,  
Liquidators.  
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### COSMOPOLITAN DOCKS.

W. B. SPRATT & Co. have lately added an Extensive MACHINE SHOP and other APPLIANCES to the former Advantages of these Docks.

The DIMENSIONS of the Dock are:—460 Feet, on the Blocks; 92 Feet Wide; Ordinary Tides, 21 Ft.; Spring Tides, 24 Ft.

Office, 20, PRAYA CENTRAL, HONGKONG.  
Hongkong, October 4, 1879. 40c80

### WASHING BOOKS.

(In English and Chinese.)

WASHERMAN'S BOOKS, for the use of Ladies and Gentlemen, are now ready at this Office.—Price, \$1 each.

CHINA MAIL Office.

## Intimations.

### NOTICE.

I have CLOSED my SHAREBROKER Business and ESTABLISHED myself as PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT.—Office at Messrs SANDER & Co.'s.

LOUIS HAUSCHILD.  
Hongkong, January 24, 1880. ja31

### NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

MR. F. KLAMPERMEYER has REMOVED to his New PREMISES, No. 63, PRAYA CENTRAL, close to the Canton Wharf.

The Patronage of the Community is most respectfully solicited.

F. KLAMPERMEYER.  
Hongkong, January 24, 1880.

### NOTICE.

THE Business of HEINEMANN & Co., SHIP BROKERS, will, from the 1st January, 1880, be CARRIED ON under the Name of R. STEIL.

HEINEMANN & Co.  
Hongkong, December 31, 1879. ja31

### SAILORS' HOME.

ANY Cast-off CLOTHING, BOOKS, or PAPERS will be thankfully received at the Sailor's Home, West Point.

Hongkong, July 25, 1878.

## Shipping.

### Steamers.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.

The Steamship "NAMO," Capt. WESTON, will be despatched for the above Ports on SUNDAY, the 1st Inst., at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.  
Hongkong, January 27, 1880. fe1

### FOR YOKOHAMA AND HIOGO.

The Steamship "BENARTY" shortly expected, will have quick despatch for the above Ports.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.  
Hongkong, January 26, 1880.

### OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI VIA AMOY.

(Taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates for HANKOW and Ports on the YANGTSE.)

The Company's Steamship "SARPEON," Captain J. REA, will be despatched on or about the 31st Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.  
Hongkong, January 23, 1880.

### FOR LONDON VIA SUZ CANAL.

The Steamship "GLENIFFER," Captain GRAHAM, will be despatched as above on or about the 31st Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.  
Hongkong, January 10, 1880.

### OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUZ CANAL.

The Company's Steamship "HECTOR," Capt. H. JONES, will be despatched on or about the 31st Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.  
Hongkong, January 15, 1880.

## Sailing Vessels.

### FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

The A 1 British Ship "MIDDLESEX," WATSON, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co.  
Hongkong, January 8, 1880.

### FOR NEW YORK.

The A 1 American Bark "ALICE REED," KILLERAN, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL &



## For Sale.

MacEwen, FRICKEL & Co.,  
THE AMERICAN MAIL

THE following STORES, in  
Excellent Condition:—  
Fresh Roll BUTTER,  
Finest Comb HONEY, in Frames.  
Do. Do. in Bottles.  
Do. Do.  
Fresh Apples.  
Dried Sliced Butto.  
Boneless CODFISH.  
Georgian Bank Do.  
Finest Eastern Factory CREAM CHEESE.  
Mild California Do.  
Smoked SALMON.  
Family Meat BEEF, in 25 lbs. kegs.  
Oregon Pickled OX TONGUES, very fine.  
Family Pickle, in 25 lbs. kegs.  
American HAMS.  
Do. BACON.  
CORNMEAL, HOMINY, CRACKED  
WHEAT.

OATMEAL, RYE FLOUR, BUCK-  
WHEAT FLOUR.  
CORN BROOMS, CORN WISPS.  
Table FRUITS, Bartlett PEARS, APRICOTS, PEACHES.  
Stuffed PEPPERS, ASPARAGUS.  
APPLE SAUCE, CHERRY SAUCE.  
OYSTERS, LOBSTERS, SALMON,  
CLAM.  
PEA NUTS, PECAN NUTS, BRAZIL  
NUTS.  
OREAN OF TARTAR, SALERATUS.  
Merritt's Eastern OILS.  
Windsor's Celebrated GREEN CORN.  
LIMA BEANS, SUCCATASH, SUGAR  
PEAS.  
CALIFORNIA CRACKER Co.'s GINGER  
CAKES.  
MILK BISCUITS.  
ALPHABET BISCUITS.  
OYSTER BISCUITS.  
WAFER BISCUITS.  
SODA BISCUITS.

Ex S.S. "GLENFINLAS," and Late  
Arrivals.

SMYRNA FIGS.  
Muscatel BLOOM RAISINS.  
JORDAN ALMONDS.  
Cooking and Table PRUNES.  
Pudding RAISINS and CURRANTS.  
Candied PEEL.  
MINCEMEAT in 1-lb. tins.  
VAN HOUTEN'S COCOA.  
CARAWAY SEEDS.  
SCHWITZER'S COCOATINA.  
HAM TONGUE & CHICKEN SAUSAGE.  
WESTPHALIAN, BOLOGNA, OXFORD, and  
TRUFFLED SAUSAGES.  
GAME PIES.  
Potted MEATS.  
Prime Yorkshire HAMS.  
Prime Wiltshire BACON in Tins & Canvases.  
OX-TONGUES in JELLY.  
TRUFFLES.

## Champagne, &amp;c.

HEIDRICK & Co.'s MONOPOLE, Pints  
and Quarts.  
ADOLPHE COLIN'S BOUZY CABINET,  
MUMM'S (JULES) CHAMPAGNE, Pints and  
Quarts.  
NATHAN'S (BODEN) BOUZY, Pts. and Qts.  
CHARLES HEIDRICK'S WHITE SEAL,  
Pints and Quarts.  
VEUVE CLICQUOT PONSARDIN, Pints  
and Quarts.  
THEOPHILE ROEDERER & Co.'s VEUVE  
MOUSSEUX, Pints and Quarts.  
KRAUS'S CHAMPAGNE, Pints and Quarts.  
PERRIER JOUET in Quarts.

## Claret.

THIBEAUX (CHATEAU), Pints and Quarts.  
CHATEAU LAROSE (CHATEAU & ADER'S),  
Pints and Quarts.  
CHATEAU LAFITE, Pints and Quarts.  
GRES GRAVES, Pints and Quarts.  
BREAKFAST CLARET, Pints and Quarts.  
OLD INVALID CLARET.  
St. JULIEN, &c., &c.

## Burgundy, Hock, Sherries, &amp;c.

Chamberlain, Chablis (white), Liebfraumilch,  
Hockheimer, Niersteimer, Stelzberger  
Cabinet, Ruland's Derg, Konig-  
nin Victoria, Burg, Chateau  
Yquem, Grand Vin, Haut  
Sauterne, Marsala, Sac-  
cone's Pale Dry White Seal  
Sherry, Yellow Seal Amontillado  
Sherry, Cullen Palmer and Company's  
Sherry, Invalid Port (1848), Hunt's Port.

## Brandy, Whisky, Liqueurs, &amp;c.

1, 2 and 3-star Hennessy's Brandy, La  
Grande Marque Brandy, Cullen Palmer  
& Co.'s Brandy, Ruyver Guillet &  
Co.'s Brandy, 1 to 4 stars;  
Finest Old Bourbon Whisky, highly recom-  
mended, Kinahan's LL Irish Whisky,  
Jameson's Irish Whisky, Royal  
Glendoe Whisky;  
AVH Gin, Swaine Board & Co.'s Old Tom  
Gin; La Grande Chartreuse, Green  
and Yellow, Maraschino de Zara,  
Curaçao, Pils & Qls; Ango-  
stura, Boker's and Orange  
Bitters, &c., &c., &c.

BASS' ALE, bottled by CAMERON & SAUN-  
DERS, Pints and Quarts.  
GUINNESS'S STOUT, bottled by E. & J.  
Burke, Pints and Quarts.  
PILSENER BEER, in Quarts.  
DRAUGHT ALE and PORTER, by the  
Gallon.

SHEPHERD MILWAUKEE BEER.  
BUDWEISER BEER.  
BOCA BEER.  
ALBION ALE.  
BLATT MILWAUKEE BEER.  
ALE and PORTER, in Bulk, (Bhd. and  
Kildrinks).

Ships' STORES of every description.  
Hemp and Cotton CANVAS.  
Russian, Manila, and Wire ROPE.  
SAIL-MAKING and RIGGING promptly  
executed.

Specialty Selected CIGARS.  
Princesses CHEROOTS.  
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Aracoras CIGARS.  
Vegueros CIGARS.

Choice No. 1 Fortin CIGARS in Boxes  
of 100.  
Choice No. 3 Meisig CHEROOTS.  
Choice No. 3 Fortin CIGARS.

New Season's PRESENT TEA, in 5 and  
10 Catty Boxes.  
Hongkong, January 12, 1880.

## To-day's Advertisements.

THEATRE ROYAL,  
CITY HALL.SATURDAY,  
31st January, 1880.FAREWELL BENEFIT  
OF  
MISS EMILY BLAIN  
AND  
MRS. NORVILLE.By desire of numerous Patrons  
"PINK DOMINOES"  
will be again presented.Notice.—The Company leave by S. S.  
Hector, on SUNDAY, 1st February.Tickets at Messrs KELLY & WALSH'S, or  
at the HOTEL DE L'UNIVERS.GEO. NORVILLE,  
Business Manager.

Hongkong, January 28, 1880.

FOR AMOY, TAMSUI &amp; TAIWANFOO.

The Steamship  
"ALBAY,"  
Capt. F. ASHTON, will be de-  
parted for the above Ports  
on SATURDAY, the 31st inst., at Daylight.For Freight or Passage, apply to  
DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.  
Hongkong, January 28, 1880.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES  
MARITIMES.  
PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.The Company's Steamship  
"TANAIIS,"  
Command. DE LA MARCELLE, will  
be despatched for YOKOHAMA  
shortly after the arrival of the next French  
Mail from Europe.G. DE CHAMPEAUX,  
Agent.

Hongkong, January 28, 1880.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES  
MARITIMES.  
PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.The Company's Steamship  
"YANGTSE,"  
Commandant CHAMPENOIS, will  
be despatched for SHANGHAI  
shortly after her arrival from Europe.G. DE CHAMPEAUX,  
Agent.

Hongkong, January 28, 1880.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor  
Owners will be Responsible for any  
Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew  
of the following Vessels, during their stay  
in Hongkong Harbour:—Moses B. Tower, American barkentine,  
Capt. C. Hall.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.MIDDESEX, British barque, Captain A.  
Walsh.—Borneo Company.PRINCE FREDERICK, British ship, Capt.  
John Clague.—Vogel & Co.MADEL, American barque, Capt. Francis  
Hallett.—Captain.ALICE REED, American barque, Captain  
Killoran.—Vogel & Co.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Jan. 27, 7 p.m., Jeddah, British steamer,  
993, J. L. Clark, Singapore Jan. 17, Gene-  
ral.—BUN HIN CHAN.Jan. 27, China, German steamer, 648, J.  
Ackermann, Shanghai Jan. 24, General.—  
SIEMSEN & Co.Jan. 28, Chelmsford, British barkentine,  
381, C. G. Collins, Bangkok Jan. 3, Gene-  
ral.—EDWARD SCHELLHUIS & Co.Jan. 28, Albany, British steamer, 366,  
F. Ashton, Taiwanfoo Jan. 18, Tamsui 25,  
Amoy 26, and Swatow 27, General.—  
DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.Jan. 28, Yotlung, British steamer, 286,  
D. McQuigall, Swatow Jan. 27, General.—  
KWOK ACHONG.Jan. 28, Fantaisie, British barque, from  
Whampoa.Jan. 28, Hwai Yuen, Chinese steamer,  
984, O'Wilson, Shanghai Jan. 25, General.—  
C. M. S. N. Co.

DEPARTURES.

Jan. 28, Kwangtung, for Coast Ports.

28, Swatow, for Yokohama.

28, China, for Canton.

28, Nizam, for Shanghai.

28, Fuyuen, for Shanghai.

CLEARED.

Gordon Castle, for New York.

Mary J. Leslie, for Takao.

Frolich, for Taiwanfoo.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per Jeddah, from Singapore, 274 Chi-  
nese.

Per China, from Shanghai, 17 Chinese.

Per Albany, from Taiwanfoo, &c., 40  
Chinese.

Per Yotlung, from Swatow, 34 Chinese.

Per Hwai Yuen, from Shanghai, 63 Chi-  
nese.

DEPARTED.

Per Kwangtung, for Swatow, Mr and Mrs  
Ashmore, Jr.; for Coast and Formosa, Mr  
R. Lang.Per Nizam, for Shanghai, Mr and Mrs  
Ferguson.

Per Fuyuen, for Shanghai, 30 Chinese.

TO DEPART.

Per Bokhara, for Sydney, Mr G. F.  
Johnson from Shanghai.

## SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer Jeddah reports:—  
From Singapore to lat. 20.09 N., long.  
113.43 E., experienced a succession of very  
heavy N.E. gales with high cross sea, ship  
making very bad weather, and shipping  
much water forward, washing away every  
thing moveable about the decks. Thence  
to port violent squalls from North, attend-  
ed with thick rainy weather and confused  
sea. Arrived at 6.30 and anchored off  
Sailors' Home.

The German steamer China reports:—  
Left Woosung Bar on the 24th at 10 a.m.,  
arrived at Hongkong on the 27th at 6.30  
p.m., had very strong monsoon as far as  
Lanchoo Island, thence to port moderate  
Northerly winds and fine weather.

The British barkentine Chelmsford re-  
ports:—Saw a large ship 60 miles S.E. of  
the Lamma Islands on the 23rd inst., at-  
tending for this port. Had heavy weath-  
er last few days.

The British steamer Albany reports:—  
Taiwanfoo to Tamsui strong N.E. wind and  
high sea; Tamsui to Amoy and Swatow  
strong N.E. wind and heavy sea with rain;  
Swatow to Hongkong moderate N.E. winds  
and fine weather. In Amoy: H.M.S. Fro-  
lic, and H.I.G.M.S. Marie Louise. In Swatow:  
S. S. H. Chung and Foochow, and  
H.M.R.C. Fei Hoo.

The British steamer Yotlung reports:—  
Fresh N.E. monsoon throughout.

The Chinese steamer Hwai Yuen reports:—  
Fresh N.E. winds and cloudy fine weather  
throughout.

## CARGO.

Per Bokhara, to London, 8,495 half-  
cheats Tea, 603 bales Silk, 30 bales Waste  
Silk, 79 bales Wild Silk, 45 bales Pongees,  
11 cases Silk Piece Goods, and 615 pkgs.  
Sundries. To Continent, 70 bales Silk, 49  
bales Waste Silk, and 53 pkgs. Sundries.  
To New York, 30 bales Silk.

## POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close:—

For SAIGON.—  
Per Swatow, at 11.30 a.m. To-morrow, the  
29th inst., instead of as previously  
notified.

For STRAITS SETTLEMENTS, AND  
NEW YORK.—  
Per Gordon Castle, at 11.30 a.m. To-  
morrow, the 29th inst.

For SWATOW AND AMOY.—  
Per Jeddah, at 5 p.m. To-morrow, the  
29th inst., instead of as previously  
notified.

For BANGKOK.—  
Per Rajanathianah, at 5 p.m., on  
Thursday, the 29th inst.

For AMOY, TAMSUI, AND TAIWAN.—  
Per Albany, at 5 p.m., on Friday, the  
30th inst.

For MANILA.—  
Per brig V. de Rivadavia, at 1 p.m.,  
on Saturday, the 31st inst., instead  
of as previously notified.

For SWATOW, AMOY, & FOOCHOW.—  
Per Namoa, at 5 p.m., on Saturday, the  
31st inst.

For JAPAN via KOBE.—  
Per Nigata Maru, at 5 p.m., on Friday,  
the 6th February.

## MAILS BY THE BRITISH PACKET.—

The British Packet Packet Bokhara  
will be despatched on WEDNESDAY,  
the 28th inst., with Mails to and  
through the United Kingdom and  
Europe via Brindisi or Southampton;  
to the Straits Settlements, Batavia,  
Burmah, Ceylon, India, Aden, Egypt,  
Malta, and Gibraltar.

N.B.—This Packet carries no mails for the  
Australian Colonies, E. or S. Africa,  
nor for Mauritius.

## MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.—

The French Packet Packet Iravaddy  
will be despatched on WEDNESDAY,  
the 4th February, with Mails to and  
through the United Kingdom and  
Europe, via Naples; to Saigon, Straits  
Settlements, Batavia, Burmah, Ceylon,  
the Australian Colonies, Pondichery,  
Madras, Calcutta, Aden, Egypt, Malta  
and Gibraltar.

The usual hours will be observed in closing  
the Mails, &c.

## HOURS FOR CLOSING

THE ENGLISH MAIL.

Day of Departure.—

5 P.M.—Money Order Office closes.

5.30 P.M.—Post Office closes till 8 P.M.,  
except the Night Box, which is  
always open out of Office hours.

8 P.M.—Post Office opens.

9 P.M.—Registry of Letters ceases.

Posting of all printed matter  
and patterns ceases.10 P.M.—Mails closed, except for Late  
Letters.10.10 P.M.—Letters may be posted with  
Late Fee of 18 cents until10.30 P.M.—when the Post Office closes  
entirely.10.40 P.M.—Late Letters may be posted  
on board the packet with Late  
Fee of 18 cents until time of  
departure.In consequence of the ALTERATION of the  
Hour of Departure of the FRENCH PACKETS,  
it will be necessary to revert to the former  
arrangements for closing the Mails, viz., by  
French Packet only.

Wednesday.

10 A.M.—Registry ceases. Posting of  
printed matter and Patterns  
ceases.

11 A.M.—Ordinary Mails closed.

11.10—11.30. Late Letters received  
with 18 cents extra postage.11.40. Supplementary Mail on board,  
with same Late Fee, until time  
of departure.

## MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW

Shipping.

Goods per Bokhara undelivered after Noon,  
subject to rent and landing charges.

Amusement.

9 p.m.—"Sorcerer" at the City Hall.

## General Memoranda.

FRIDAY, January 30:—  
3 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of the  
H. O. & M. Steamboat Co., Limited,  
at No. 504, Queen's Road.

SATURDAY, January 31:—  
Daylight.—Albay leaves for Amoy, &c.  
9 p.m.—"Pink Dominoes" at the City  
Hall.

SUNDAY, February 1:—  
Daylight.—Namoa leaves for Coast Ports.

WEDNESDAY, February 4:—  
Noon.—French Mail leaves for Forts of  
Call and Europe.  
1 p.m.—American Mail leaves for Yoko-  
hama and San Francisco.

SATURDAY, February 7:—  
Daylight.—Mitsui Bishi Mail leaves for  
Yokohama via Kobe.

WEDNESDAY, February 25:—  
3 p.m.—Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s  
Steamer leaves for Yokohama and San  
Francisco.

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Hongkong, June 1, 1876.

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WILL BE READY IN

A DAY OR TWO.

PASSENGERS arriving in Hongkong, or any  
other persons who may desire to con-  
sult the files of local, China, Japan,  
American, English, Indian or Aus-  
tralian newspapers, are invited to call at  
the "CHINA MAIL" Office, where over  
sixty newspapers, dailies and weeklies,  
from these countries, are from to-day  
filed for reference.

Hongkong, Jan. 1, 1880.

## BIRTH.

On the 28th January, at Kingsclere, the  
Wife of E. R. Bellios, of a Son.

The publication of this issue commenced  
at 7.35 p.m.

## THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, JAN. 28, 1880.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The next FRENCH and AUSTRALIAN mail may be  
expected here on or about Tuesday next,  
the 3rd prox., by the M. M. steamer Yangtsé  
which left Singapore at daylight on the  
26th for this port, via Saigon. She  
brings London dates up to Dec. 26th, and  
the Australian mails via Gale.

H. M.'s GUNBOAT Fly left Singapore on  
the 16th, for Labuan and the coast of  
Borneo, and from thence will come on to  
Hongkong.

We hear that the British barque Parmenio,  
Capt. Abbott, from Penang for Taiwan-  
foo with a cargo of bark, is stranded  
on the East coast of Formosa, near  
Steeple Island, just inside the mouth of a  
small river. A Chinese gunboat is at her  
assistance, and, fine weather prevailing, the  
Captain hoped to get her off.

The further hearing of the motion pre-  
viously reported in the case of Sands v.  
Forbes took place to-day, when the evidence  
of the Hon. C. B. Plunket, Mr Messop and  
Mr Sangster was taken. The case occupied  
the Court all day. The Court reserved  
judgment, and strongly advised the parties  
to endeavour to come to an arrangement.

The following is the answer to the Acrostic  
from Canton, No. 1, given last week by  
"Xelando." No correct answers have been  
received:—

Bandoler.	Musketier.
B	M
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R	E
O	R

Now, not only is this, as a whole, the  
feeblest of defenses, but it is mean in the  
extreme. It begs the whole question.  
What we repeatedly complained of—and  
we may add that our complaints have been  
endorsed by every contemporary in the

North—was that the Singapore mail, the  
Straits Times Extra particularly, was sent  
astray by the Singapore Postmaster, and  
that through deliberate action on his part,  
of which none but the most stupid or un-  
thinking person could have been guilty, it  
did not arrive here until after the subse-

quent English mail. It was particularly  
irritating to us, because our Indian files  
only come by the English mail, and we  
have to trust to the Straits Times mail  
extra or the daily issue of that paper for the  
Indian telegrams which we regularly pub-  
lish on the arrival of the French steamers.  
We are glad to hear that the Postmaster  
General of the Straits Settlements has no  
power of interfering with the mails directed  
to Hongkong. Had he any such power of  
interference they would not come with that  
regularity and despatch that now charac-  
terize the service. The Singapore Post-  
master next tells us that no mail-bag for  
the Fleet comes by the French mail. Now  
a mail is made up at Singapore, by the  
Fleet there, for the Fleet here, to come  
by every French mail, and that mail-  
bag, which passed through the Singapore  
and Hongkong Post Offices was, on this  
occasion, kept back from the Iravaddy  
and sent by the Hector, which latter ves-  
sel arrived here later, and it was reason-  
able to suppose beforehand would arrive  
here later, than the French steamer. And  
further, the ordinary mail from Singapore  
was mis-sent by the Claverhouse, and  
arrived here on the 15th instead of on the  
7th as it would have done had the  
Singapore Postal authorities only let things  
alone. Every Post Office has a certain  
amount of discretion in the matter of giving  
preference to this, that, or the other stea-  
mer, but the rule everywhere should be,  
that no steamer which is not morally cer-  
tain to beat the mail steamer should ever  
be allowed to carry the mail. If the Post-  
master of Singapore would bear this in-  
mind there would be no complaint. Thirdly,  
the remark that the mail which was sent came  
to hand is simply silly. Nobody ever said  
that it did not. We never complained of  
the Messageries Maritimes, but we did and  
do complain of the thoughtlessness of the  
Postmaster of Singapore; and we shall, in  
the public interest and for our own protec-  
tion, continue to do so, when occasion arises,  
until there is a great improvement discer-  
nible.

The telegram that the Governor of the  
Straits Settlements has been appointed  
Governor of Western Australia is difficult  
to understand. Although no official notice  
had, according to the last Singapore papers,  
been received from home, it was announced  
as "on authority" that Sir William Rob-  
inson was going to Natal, and that it was  
difficult enough to believe, the salary being  
only £2,500 as against £23,532, or more  
than double, in his present capacity. But  
the salary of the Governor of Western  
Australia is also £2,500, and the promotion  
would thus be of the Irish kind. There  
may be reasons connected with his Lord-  
ship's health which make the step advisa-  
ble, but at present we are somewhat in the  
dark. Sir William Robinson was Governor  
of Western Australia before, from 11th  
January, 1876, to August 28th, 1877. The  
present Governor is Sir Harry Ord, who  
was at one time Governor of the Straits  
Settlements. The present Lieut.-Governor  
of Natal is Sir H. E. Bulwer.

With reference to the above, the latest  
Singapore paper to hand has the follow-  
ing:—

No news has yet been received of any  
successor having been appointed to Sir  
William Robinson as Governor, and there  
is a rumour that Sir William is coming here  
after all, and that he has been deputed  
merely on a special mission to Natal, as Sir  
William Hackett was sent to Fiji, after  
having executed which he will come on and  
fulfil his term of office here. Meanwhile  
the Colony is getting on very well without  
a Governor. Everything is quiet and  
peaceable within the bounds of the Colony  
itself and in the neighboring Native  
States, and business is brisk and prosper-  
ing.

In the Pioneer correspondent's letter from  
Sherpur, Dec. 5th, a week or so before the  
great fighting, he says:—

Freemasons muster strongly in Sherpur



stouter and enjoys much better health. No unusual growth of hair is noticeable in any other member of the family. Mr Smith had a fuzzy face in childhood, began to shave at the age of thirteen, but stopped shaving eighteen years ago. His hair is thick and strong, and has to be cut fortnightly.

A SHANGHAI paper in the interest of the public, calls attention to the strict observance of the postal regulations referring to samples, whose contents might prejudice correspondence, and mentions that in a halfpenny received lately at the French Post Office, a box of aniline, which was not sufficiently strong was found to have been broken at both ends during the transport. All postal matter contained in the same bag was coloured in the brightest red.

Mr. Bryce-Wright in settling down some information with regard to the discovery of sapphires in Siam, which he has received through one of the Siamese Princes now in England, says:—

There are several sapphire mines in the country on the sea coast; already some thousands of people are at work, and valuable gems have been found and sold at a good profit. The mines are directly under the control of the Government. My own opinion is that Siam will yield sapphires in large quantities, as well as other precious stones. The diamond, I am fully persuaded, will be discovered. Reason for thinking so being that, Siam must have possessed gold mines, in consequence of the numerous golden images and objects seen in the country, the gem will also be found in its auriferous sands, gold being nearly always its associate. That the country is on the point of being surveyed scientifically here is every reason to believe, the Ambassador, on his return to Bangkok last month, having taken with him all the necessary appliances for a strict geological examination, as well as a series of every known variety of gems and precious stones in their natural state, both out and polished or the purposes of comparison. Siam may be looked forward to with trustworthy expectation, I thoroughly believe, as one of the future prolific gem-bearing countries of the world.

The San Francisco papers have despatches dated Washington Dec. 18 as follows:—

The letter of Governor Irwin, officially stating the result of the vote of California upon the question of Chinese immigration, which was laid before the House by Speaker Randall yesterday, has been referred by that body to its Committee on Education and Labor. Willis, of Kentucky, Chairman of this Committee, expressed to the California Representatives to-day his continued desire to do everything in his power to obtain Congressional action for the restriction of Mongolian immigration, and inquired what steps they propose to take in the matter this session. They informed him in reply that they intend to have some measure prepared for introduction immediately after this Christmas recess; by which time Congress will be ready for work, and plan for united action will doubtless be mature.

The following paragraphs from the *Broad Arrow* of the 13th ult., are of interest to many of our readers:—

The nomination of Admiral the Hon. Charles Herbert John Dryden Elliot, C.B., to the Devonport command, in succession to Admiral Farquhar, has caused considerable surprise, as the appointment was looked upon as cut-and-dried for Admiral Charles H. Hilary, C.B., late naval commander in the China seas. Admiral Elliot had, however, very strong claims for the appointment, and they could not be overlooked. He will assume command in January next, and will, unless unforeseen circumstances should arise, retain the desirable appointment until October, 1881, when he will have to vacate on promotion to Admiral of the Fleet, in succession to Sir Thomas Symonds, K.C.B. Admiral Elliot, who was born in December, 1818, as enjoyed unusually rapid promotion since his first entry into the Navy in May, 1832. His father, the late Earl of Minto, held the appointment of First Lord of the Admiralty from 1835 to 1841, and this circumstance stood by no means in his son's way. Six years after he entered the service he obtained his Lieutenantcy, dated 7th January, 1838, and two years later he passed on to the commander's list, from which he was promoted Captain in 1841, being then in his twenty-third year. In 1840 he commanded the *Hazard* at the bombardment of St. Jean d'Acre. After his promotion to Captain he served in command of the *Spartan* on the North American Station from 1841 to 1846. In the first portion of our last China war he had command of the *Sybilie*, and served as Commodore at the capture of Canton in October, 1856. He also commanded the Naval Brigade at the taking of Canton, and witnessed the destruction of the war works in Patahan Creek. For his services in China he received the C.B., and was appointed a naval aide-de-camp to the Queen. His last service as a captain was with the *St. Jean d'Acre*, off Lisbon and in the Channel, from September, 1860, to August, 1861, when he was promoted Rear-Admiral. Since his advancement to the flag list, Admiral Elliot has been employed in command of our squadron on the South-East Coast of America with his flag on the ill-fated *Bombay* and *Norfolk*. He led the *Norfolk* command from 1870 to 1873, when he was promoted to Admiral. Admiral Elliot has been twice married: first, in 1833, to Louisa (who died in 1870), daughter of Sir Edward Blackett, Bart., and second, in 1874, to Lady Harriet Emily Liddell, daughter of Lord Ravensworth. He has surviving one son, by the first marriage and two daughters by the second.

Admiral Sir Michael Seymour, G.C.B., as completed his seventy-seventh year, having been born on the 3rd December 1802. He was created a G.C.B. in 1859, for his services in command of the Naval force in China, and was M.P. for Devonport from August of that year till February, 1863.

Sir Arthur Kennedy, K.C.M.G., C.B., Governor of Queensland, is shown by the my List, month after month, to be with the services of an aide-de-camp. As a matter of fact the assistance is held by Captain Cornelius O'Callaghan, late of the West India Regiment, who accompanies Sir Arthur wherever he serves, acting as private secretary.

### Police Intelligence.

(Before C. V. O'Connell Esq.)  
Wednesday, Jan. 28.

#### SELLING SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS WITHOUT A LICENSE.

Li A-ang, the master of a stone quarry, and his wife, Chan Aau, were charged with retelling spirituous liquors on the 26th instant without being in possession of a license.

Cheung Tin Po, a grass-cutter, residing at Shau-ki-wan, proved going to the house of the prisoners and being served with 30 cash worth of samshu. He was served by the woman in the presence of her husband. The samshu was taken from a jar behind the door.

P. C. 85, James Forbes, sent with the last witness to the defendant's house. He saw the witness enter the house with an empty bottle and in a few minutes return with a supply of samshu.

Inspector Swanton stated that at 3.30 p.m. yesterday he searched the house No. 293, Shau-ki-wan, occupied by the two defendants, and found, concealed under some grass and old baskets, behind the door, a jar containing a quantity of samshu. There was another jar which apparently contained the same spirit, but it was then empty. The inspector had been watching the prisoners for the last twelve months and had often sent men to buy spirits but had not till now succeeded in getting evidence. He had suspected them for a long time of illegal traffic in spirits.

Both defendants said the samshu was in the house for their own use and denied having sold any.

The first defendant was fined \$50, the witness Cheung Tin Po to receive \$5 from the fine, if paid; the second prisoner, being the wife of the first, and having apparently acted under his orders, was discharged. The first defendant said he was unable to pay the fine, and was sent to gaol for six weeks with hard labor.

#### PREPARING FOR THE MOES.

Pun Asul, a coolie, was charged with stealing a number of horse-shoes on board the British barque *Glendinning* this morning.

Mr. H. R. Jones, the master of the barque, examined the defendant's clothes this morning and found a number of old horse-shoes concealed round his person and attached to his girdle. They were part of the cargo and belonged to Messrs Meyer and Co.

Defendant admitted the charge and was sentenced to twenty-one days' imprisonment with hard labor.

#### LARCENY.

Lo Mo Fuk, a coolie, was charged with stealing a bag containing 60 quarts from the basket of a hawk. He denied the charge, but the prosecutor was positive as to the identity of the prisoner.

Two previous convictions of larceny were recorded against the defendant, and he was sentenced to six months' imprisonment with hard labor.

#### KIDNAPING A GIRL.

Sze Afong, a shopkeeper, and Chun Ching Chiu, a priest, were charged with kidnapping a girl named Shiu Kwai Mut, eleven years of age.

It appeared that the child came here from Sun 'n with her parents about a month ago and resided with the child's aunt in Sai-yung-pun. On the 20th instant the mother of the girl returned to her native place, and during her absence woman took the child and sold her to the priest, the second defendant. The child saw money passed between the second defendant and the woman who sold her. The first prisoner was also present.

The case stands remanded till the 4th proximo.

(Before the Hon. C. B. Funnell.)

#### THE "KATE WATERS" TRAGEDY; RELEASE OF THE PRISONERS.

The two men, Tahil and Awat, charged with being concerned in the murder of the Captain and officers of the *Kate Waters* in November, 1878, were again before the Court to-day.

The Captain Superintendent of Police, under instructions from H.M. the Governor, tendered copies of the depositions taken before the Hon. W. H. Treacher, Counsel-general for Borneo, on the 8th ultimo. The prisoners had been residing for about twelve months past at Bankoku. They arrived there in three small boats along with the other men who have been already tried for the murder in question. At first they said they had been shipwrecked but afterwards one man (John) admitted having murdered the Captain. The other men were arrested and sent to Labuan, three men, Seriman and the two prisoners being allowed to remain. They had during that time obtained the means of livelihood by fishing. About two months ago the Sheriff of Bankoku ordered these three men to be arrested and taken to Labuan, but while the vessel they were in was at anchor off the old Flag-staff Point Seriman made his escape during the night. It did not however appear why the three prisoners were not sent on along with the other prisoners when they first landed.

Both prisoners when before the Consul General described the particulars of the tragedy—Tahil being at the wheel at the time and Awat in his back feigning sleep. They had both been invited by the other men to join in the murders but had refused. From their depositions it would almost seem that they would have been important witnesses against the men who have been tried rather than that they should be placed in the dock themselves, and there appeared to be no evidence against them.

Before the Magistrate to-day they both again denied having anything to do with the murder of the officers or piracy of the ship, and were ordered to be discharged.

#### China.

##### SHANGHAI.

(Mercury, Jan. 19-21.)  
The *Dartmouth*, which arrived on the 13th inst., has on board 215 tons of powder. The *Glendinning* brought 250 tons of powder, and 850 tons of shot and unbleached shell, for the Nanking Arsenal. These stores were ordered through the Customs.

A good idea has got into the head of one of our American consuls. As a railway for traffic between Shanghai and Wosung was objectionable to the mandarin, he is about to use the river for regular steam com-

munication, running a passenger steamer between the two places.

The Chinese Merchants S. N. Co. are, we understand, much dissatisfied with the heavy cost of arbitration in collision cases, and they propose in future to go to the Mixed Court. Arbitration cases in Shanghai are merely a copy of cases in Law Courts, and the expenses are much the same, or even heavier. They are not, we understand, dissatisfied with the results of the arbitration, they have no fault to find with the judgments; but they consider it would be considerably cheaper to do it in the Mixed Court. Law is so expensive and unsatisfactory here, that it is better to put up with a moderate injury perhaps than go to law about it; the costs which are certain often being out of all proportion to the benefit likely to be derived. The policy of killing the goose that lays the golden egg is one that is often, we think, pursued by lawyers in Shanghai, when they send in heavy bills of costs.

#### Japan.

##### NAGASAKI.

(Rising Sun, Jan. 17.)  
Shortly after midnight on Sunday last, both foreigners and natives were again aroused from their slumbers by the dread alarm of fire, which this time broke out in a native house on the Sagami side of Oura town. The appearance from a distance at first tended to excite apprehension of danger for the whole of the surrounding district, but which suspicions were fortunately unfounded, as the houses were detached and were also situated on the side of the hill. Favored by an almost entire absence of wind, the flames were confined to the block of houses—some six in number—in which they originated. The various native fire brigades were in full force, but owing to the tide being low, great difficulty was experienced in obtaining a supply of water, which want would have been more severely felt had not the night been perfectly calm. A party from the *Pegasus* and the local Chinese fire brigade also turned out.

The *Kinokuni Maru* came out of Dook yesterday. The *Togoyoshi Maru* was taken on the ship on Sunday last, where she still remains. The *Grand Duc Constantine* is over at Akunoura, and will probably go in Dook or on the ship before leaving port. The *Ujigi* is expected to be docked to-day, and will be followed by the *Togoyoshi*. The *Tokai Maru* is daily expected, and is destined for the ship.

In view of the number of fires that are, not without sufficient reason, expected at this season of the year, it may not be altogether out of place to draw attention to the apparently unwarranted destruction of property at each visitation, caused by the standard-bearers of the different native fire brigades, in their energetic efforts to firmly establish their standards in a prominent position—generally on the roof of the nearest incombustible house—where neither the safety of the dwelling nor the dwellers are spared in their frantic endeavours to plant their all-important staff. Invariably the first on the scene, and always the last to retire, anyone would be inclined to imagine that the speedy and successful extinction of the flames entirely depended upon the timely presence of their magic wands. The damage thus caused to one particular house in the vicinity of the last fire, will cost almost as much to make good as the rebuilding of one of those that were entirely destroyed by the flames. Without wishing to detract one particle from the praise due to the fire brigades for their unceasing gratuitous services, we venture to suggest that it would be no great loss to either the brigades or the public generally if this apparently superfluous office of standard-bearer was abolished.

The S. S. *Meiji Maru* arrived here on Thursday afternoon with a tank for a new telegraph steamer for the Government, about to be built in this port. The *Meiji Maru* has been laying new cables across the Shikoku and Shimonoseki Straits, and left last night at midnight direct for Yokohama. The new cables, which were erroneously stated by the native papers to be intended for communication with the Riu Kiu Islands, are of an improved description in order to withstand the raids of the *teredo*, a marine insect, very destructive to telegraph cables in all waters.

The British barque *Nimod* reports having left Yokohama on the 23rd ult., but owing to stress of weather was compelled to return to Kaneda Bay on the 25th, which place she again left on the 26th, and experienced a most extraordinary succession of strong westerly gales, and heavy sea, and was for several days under lower top-sails and storm-sails. Was in company with H. B. M. S. *Pegasus* from Pallas Rocks to Kil Island.

The sale of the German brig *Thorild* has been satisfactorily concluded. She hoisted the Japanese flag yesterday.

#### Singapore.

##### (Daily Times.)

The Senior Police Magistrate here, Mr. R. S. O'Connor, has been ordered home at once by the Medical authorities.

For some time back complaints have been rife among the Penang traders with Achin of their unfair treatment by the Dutch authorities, who are accused of endeavouring to ruin the Penang trade with Achin by favouring vessels flying Dutch colours and obstructing and hampering the trade between Penang and Sumatran ports. A committee appointed by the Penang Chamber of Commerce to inquire into the grievances of the traders has just issued its report, from which it would appear that, although the evidence forthcoming does not fully justify the complaints made and does not afford proof of a deliberate design on the part of the Dutch authorities to transfer the trade to vessels flying Dutch colours, yet a case is made out of a prejudice existing on the part of Dutch Officials in favour of the Dutch flag and of harsh and arbitrary conduct and a disposition to look upon Penang as a pestilential place supplying arms and ammunition to the hostile Achinese. In short the Dutch Officials are not acting up either to the letter or spirit of the communication of Mr. Nieuwenhuysen, the Dutch Commissioner, addressed to Sir Harry Ord on the subject of the Achin trade in March 1875, when the Achin trade began, and there is fair ground for a representation on the subject being made to the Netherlands India Government.

Mr. Knox, lately Consul General for Siam, refused to resign upon his arrival in England, feeling hurt, doubtless, at Mr. Falgrave having been appointed his successor before Mr. Knox had been offered

another post or been requested to resign. We now learn that Mr. Knox has tendered his resignation, which has been accepted. Mr. Falgrave is expected to arrive here by the coming outward mail.

Mr. Lees, C.M.G., the recently appointed Governor of Labuan, is expected to arrive here by the coming mail from England.

The O. S. Liverpool on the 12th instant, has been quarantined owing to her having a few slight cases of small pox on board, and this has again raised a discussion as to the uselessness and inconvenience of having a quarantine law here at all.

The weather has been rather dry and warm during the week, with occasional heavy showers of rain.

#### THE LATEST NEWS FROM CABUL.

The telegraphic summary by last mail from Indian papers giving the latest news from Cabul does not give a very clear or connected view of General Roberts' position and prospects from the 14th up to the 25th December, and it requires some study of the details to form any distinct notion upon the subject. One thing is clear, and that is that the fighting that took place from the 11th to 14th December took him by surprise. He confesses as much himself. Neither he nor his Officers nor the friendly or professedly friendly Afghan Sirdars in his camp had any idea of the storm that was so suddenly to burst over their heads. Among the Sirdars was Wali Mahomed, a son of the famous Dhost Mahomed, and therefore a brother of Sher Ali and the uncle of the ex-Ameer Yakub Khan, and who expects to be made Ameer, but he had no information or caution to give. General Roberts says that it was not to the interests of Wali Mahomed and the other Sirdars to conceal matters from him, but it is hard to believe that these people knew nothing of the tempest brewing. Treachery and hatred of the Ferghis are the two chief characteristics of the Afghan nature. It was surely Yakub Khan's interest to prevent at all hazards the murder of the British envoy, yet there can hardly be a doubt that he at least tacitly connived at it. Another uncle of his, Nek Mahomed, the youngest son of the Dhost, and now a fugitive with the Russians, appears to have been the ringleader and commanded the Afghans at the battle of Charasab on the 8th October against General Roberts and his avenging army. The rising on the 11th December would appear to have been mainly the work of a fanatical old Moolah, Muski Alam, of Ghuzni, said to be over 90 years of age. He proclaimed a *jihad* or holy war at Ghuzni, and having secured the services of Mahomed Jan Khan, an Officer who commanded the regular regiments at Charasab, he marched against the infidel northwards from Ghuzni towards Cabul, gathering strength from every village and valley as he went along, and it is estimated that he had under his banners when the fighting began around Cabul some 50,000 enthusiasts. At the same time it had been concerted that the Kohistanis from the north should advance also on Cabul. Their strength has been variously estimated at from 20,000 to 50,000. It is therefore little wonder that, opposed with his 7,000 men against such overwhelming numbers, General Roberts deemed it prudent to concentrate in his entrenched camp at Sherpur to prevent his forces from being cut up in detail. He did so on the 14th December, and up to the 24th December seems to have contented himself with occasional raids, and reconnaissances, awaiting reinforcements. Meanwhile the enemy held possession of the Bala Hissar and the city of Cabul the inhabitants of which made common cause with them. On the 23rd, attacks on his camp by the enemy were repulsed with heavy loss, and they abandoned the city. On the 24th General Roberts appears to have taken the initiative. On that day Col. Norman occupying the Jugdulluck Pass, heard there heavy firing at Cabul, which lasted forty-eight hours, and General Gough reported having heard the same at Seh Baba on this side of Jugdulluck. How long the struggle lasted is not yet properly known, but it was not till the 30th December that Reuters announced the complete victory of General Roberts, the re-occupation of Cabul and the Bala Hissar and the total dispersal of the enemy. It should be added that Yakub Khan's mother and wife distributed large sums of money among the enemy, and plundered the houses and property of Wali Mahomed and other friendly sirdars. Further that Yakub Khan's son, only five years old, and who was left in charge of his mother in the Bala Hissar, has been proclaimed Amir by Mahomed Jan. Another item that must be noted to understand the position is the announcement that the Khan of Merv has sent an embassy to Headquarters at Cabul, which will proceed thence to the Viceroxy of India. In view of Russia's expressed intention to despatch an expedition under General Kaufmann this spring against the Tekke Turcomans, whose capital is Merv, the result of this embassy may be of some importance.—*Singapore Times*.

#### COMMERCIAL.

Jan. 27.  
Under the peculiar circumstances of the available supply of Bengal opium being held by the chief importers, there has been a marked improvement in the rates for both kinds since the dispatch of last mail; the advice of an advance in the prices at Calcutta, adding to the stability of the market. The stocks on the spot are low, and the present rates are most likely to be fully maintained until the arrival of next month's supply, which will be but a few days previous to the Chinese New Year. The day's rates are \$602½ to \$605 for New Patna, and \$575 to \$577½ for New Benares.

The receipts for the month so far, stand at 3,990 chests, against 4,393 chests to the corresponding period last year. During the interval under notice, some 760 chests have been taken by the local consumers, against 650 chests at the corresponding interval last year, when the new-year holidays intervened. This, with the exportations, leaves the available supply computed at 700 chests, against 2,200 chests at the corresponding period last year. Of this last quantity 200 chests were Benares, of which kind the present stock consists of 250 chests.

Mr. R. Stern's Freight Circular for the Mail of Wednesday, 28th January, says:—

The Freight market has shown very little alteration since last Report. The business transacted both in Home and Coast charters has been limited, owing mostly to the scanty supply of suitable craft.

Homewards, from the Philippines no settlements are reported either to the United

States or to the United Kingdom, and freights are weaker on account of unfavourable advices from Manila. From this port to London or New York very little has been doing, only one vessel has been taken up for London on private terms, while the berth for New York continues well supplied. A good demand for suitable vessels sprang up lately to load the new season's sugar in Formosa to the United Kingdom, and several settlements have taken place at higher rates, as reported below.

Coastwise, the principal business has been done for Saigon, and ready steamers have obtained as much as 85 cents per picul for the voyage there and back, but lately freights have fallen off somewhat on account of the approaching Chinese New Year; there is, however, a fair business expected. For the Telexin trade, small vessels are in good demand, and freights are improving.

The British barque *Glendinning*, 1,080 tons, proceeds to Rangoon, under order from home; the British barque *Brunette*, 375 tons, proceeds to Manila, under charter to the Colonies, effected elsewhere; the German brig *Frohlich*, 310 tons, proceeds to Swatow, under charter effected there.

The British barque *Hazel Holme*, 405 tons, on her voyage to Taiwan, struck on the Prata shoal and put back.

The disengaged tonnage in port amounts to 18 vessels, registering 12,919 tons, steamers not included.

The following are the settlements:—  
British ship Duke of Abercorn, 1040, to London, private.

British barque Hazel Holme, 405, Taiwan and back to Hongkong, 20 cwt.

German barque Hesperus, 967, Taiwan and back to Hongkong, 20 cwt.

Swedish barque Hermine, 280, to Honolulu, \$4,000 in full, 25 day days.

American barque Garibaldi, 670, to Tonkin, \$1,000 in full.

German barque Hermine, 850, Whampoa to Tientsin and back to Hongkong via Newchwang, 67½ cents per picul.

Chinese steamer Chin-tung, 884, to Saigon and back, 35 cents per picul, and Saigon to Hongkong (recharter) 19½ cents per picul, 8 day days.

British steamer Swatow, 820, to Saigon and back, 32½ cents per picul, and Saigon to Hongkong (recharter) 20 cents per picul, 8 day days.

German steamer Olympia, 783, to Saigon and back, 28½ cents per picul, 13 day days.

British steamer Claverhouse, 763, Nagasaki to Hongkong, \$3 per ton of 20 cwt.

Spanish steamer Zambomba, 651, Monthly Charter, 1 to 6 months, \$4,500 per month.

MESSRS DEACON & Co.'s Canton Market Report, dated 27th Jan., says:—

Our last report was dated 30th ultimo. TEA.—During the past month there has been a very trifling business passing in our market; in the early part a few settlements were made, amounting to 500 boxes Congou at Tia. 31 per picul, and 8,000 boxes Scented Capar at Tia. 12 a 23 per picul, but latterly there have been no transactions reported. Our Export figures have somewhat increased, but the quantity of Tea now awaiting shipment is very small.

Export of the various descriptions of Teas shipped from Canton Waters, (Hongkong, Canton and Macao) to Great Britain to date:—Dec. 24, S. S. *Antenor*, Congou 42,900 lbs., S. O. Pekoe 88,250 lbs., Sorts 51,876 lbs., total 133,026 lbs.; 28, S. S. *Peronia*, Congou 370,301 lbs., S. O. Pekoe 470,470 lbs., S. O. Pekoe 4,617 lbs., total 481,388 lbs.; 31, S. S. *Peshawar*, Congou 78,224 lbs., S. O. Pekoe 43,827 lbs., S. O. Pekoe 18,270 lbs., Sorts 10,500 lbs., total 151,421 lbs.; Jan 7, S. S. *Anadyr*, S. O. Pekoe 11,331 lbs., total 11,331 lbs.; 13, S. S. *Anchises*, Congou 50,428 lbs., S. O. Pekoe 23,795 lbs., S. O. Pekoe 24,765 lbs., Sorts 59,945 lbs., total 158,938 lbs.; 14, S. S. *Kaisar-i-Hind*, Congou 67,631 lbs., S. O. Pekoe 77,904 lbs., S. O. Pekoe 85,775 lbs., Sorts 21,164 lbs., total 252,474 lbs.; 20, S. S. *Tencer*, Sorts 3,814 lbs., total 3,814 lbs.; 21, S. S. *Peiko*, S. O. Pekoe 6,846 lbs., total 6,846 lbs.—making, with previous shipments, a total for the season of 22,670,838 lbs. against 22,651,392 lbs., for season 1878-79.

SILK.—We have to report a very moderate business in this article. Purchases in the first fortnight of the month were 35 bales of Taitlee reels, and since then only 84 bales have been settled; prices have remained unaltered, and natives are still indifferent about selling. The stock of Taitlee is reduced to 1,000 bales, and as a fair quantity can be used by Chinese, we do not think that the present export figures will be largely augmented during the remainder of the season, unless we have news of an advance in prices at home.

Long-reels.—Very little has been doing in these kinds. 50 piculs are the estimated settlements.

Re-reels have been in good request, more especially the lower grades of Cumchuck and Lucklow, shipments have been going forward freely, and the season's export promises to be considerably in excess of that of ordinary years. Contracts are 1,100 boxes.

Stock is estimated at 1,000 bales Taitlee, 60 bales Kowkong, 200 bales Cumchuck & Lucklow, and about 200 bales of inferior kinds.

Export of Silk.—Export to date:—To London, 5,720 bales; to Continent, 6,409 bales; to America, 7,854 bales; to Bombay, 2,403 piculs; total, 12,129 bales; 7,854 boxes; and 2,403 piculs. Of Waste, 8,343 bales, and Pierced Cocoons, 2,245 bales for Europe.

Waste.—No. 2 Gum is still quoted \$93 per picul; about 500 bales have been booked, and the stock is now limited.

Drugs and Spices.—Cassia Lignea: Tai Wo, \$11½ in mats, and \$12.00 in boxes. Sales; 300 piculs. Stock; nil.

About 2,000 piculs of Tai Wo, are said to be still remaining in the country. Alum, \$1.70 a \$1.80 per picul. Camphor, \$21.50 a \$22.50 per picul, packed.

SUNDRIES.—Fire Crackers, 72 a 77 cents per box for Gowgus No. 1 gold chop. Vermilion, \$35.00 a \$34.00 per box. Matting, Fine contract, White 4/4, 12 cents, 6/4, 14 cents, 6/4, 16 cents per yard; Red 6/4, 14 cents, 6/4, 16 cents per yard. Cargu Ginger, new, in syrup (Chyloong) \$3.75; Mandarin, \$4.25; Young Stem, \$6.00 per case of 6 jars.—Soy: \$4.40 per picul.

EXPORTS.  
LEAD.—A resale of 250 pigs L.B. was reported early in the month at \$7.50 per picul, and since then, there has been rather a firmer tone, though no further transactions are announced. Mixed brands are

quoted \$7.50, L.B. \$7.00, and W.B. and Hole chop \$7.70 a \$7.75 per picul. QUICKSILVER is quoted \$58 a \$58.50 per picul.

#### SHIPPING.

The rate of Freight to London, is per steamer, £3 9/6, and per sailing vessel, 51/6 per ton of forty and fifty cubic feet, respectively.

The rate of Freight to New York, per steamer, is £4 1/6, and per sailing vessel, 34/6 per ton of 40 cubic feet.

LOADING AND ON THE BERTH.—At Whampoa.—For London.—*Fantasia*.

For New York.—None.

At Hongkong.—For London.—*Olavo*

*Babayan*, *John Nicholson*, *Prince Frederick*, *Chikaman*, *Whitlow*.

For New York.—*Moses B. Tower*, *R. Robinson*, *Alice Reed*, *Gordon Castle*, str.

For San Francisco.—*Middlesex*.

DEPARTURES.—From Whampoa.—For London.—None.

For New York.—*R. M. Haywood*.

From Hongkong.—For London.—*Peronia*

str., *Ebenzer*, *Flensburg*, *Anchises*, str., *Merionethshire*, str., *Elizabeth Childs*, *Teucer*, str., *Pampiro*.

For New York.—*Fleur's Castle*, str., *Hieronymus*, *Echo*, City of Boston.



